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Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the tenth session[1, 2]

to be held in Geneva starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 27 May 2014

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Identification of cargo flows that could be transported along the Euro-Asian transport links.
3. Facilitation of coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs along the Euro-Asian transport links.
4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade along the EATL routes.
5. Information from participants on recent developments regarding transport infrastructure priority projects along the EATL routes.
6. Information updating the Geographical Information System (GIS).

[1] For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp5.html. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

[2] The present document was not edited before being sent to the United Nations translation services.

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7. Other business.

8. Date of next meeting.

9. Summary of decisions.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

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2. Identification of cargo flows that could be transported along the Euro-Asian transport links.

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on its adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) the Group should prepare an analysis of the Euro-Asian trade flows with the objective to identify possible cargo that could be transported by inland transport (road and rail).

The group of experts may wish to consider the presentations by representatives of maritime ports regarding types of cargo flows that are being transported between Europe and Asia, their volume, frequency and possibly value.

3. Facilitation of coordination of integrated time schedules and tariffs along the Euro-Asian transport links.

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on its adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) it should work closely with EATL project member States, railways authorities, road transport associations and other relevant stakeholders on making Euro-Asian Transport Linkages operational by supporting the development of new rail and road transport services along selected Euro-Asian rail and road transport routes.

To achieve this objective, integrated tariffs and time schedules should be prepared for the rail and road routes already identified by the project. The secretariat should work closely with interested railway authorities and other stakeholders as to identify the ways that these integrated tariffs and time schedules should be created and agreed.

Documentation

Informal Document 1

4. Identification of needs and requirements by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders in transport and trade along the EATL routes

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that based on adopted work plan (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/2013/1) it ought to identify transportation needs and requirements (including obstacles) which face producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders along nine rail and road EATL corridors.

The Group of Experts will consider the presentations by producers, shippers, traders and freight forwarders who will share their experience, best practices, problems and proposals for solutions.

5. Information from participants on recent developments regarding transport infrastructure priority projects along the EATL routes

The Group of Experts may wish to consider new presentations by Governments on this topic and provide guidance to the secretariat regarding possible actions.

6. Information updating the Geographical Information System (GIS)

The Group of Experts may wish to consider observations by the governments and exchange views on the further development of the Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Documentation

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7. Other business

The Group of Experts shall discuss other relevant issues linked to the EATL Phase III.

8. Date of next meeting

The date for the next meeting of the UNECE Group of Experts is:

Eleventh session, 30–31 October 2014, Geneva;

9. Summary of decisions

The Group of Experts will adopt the list of main decisions at the end of the session.